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Washington: Identifying Pakistan as "a country of particular concern", a Congress-backed US religious freedom panel has said there were links between the ISI and extremist groups and that the State has become a source of "religiously-motivated violence" that also targeted India.

"Pakistan has become a significant source of religious intolerance and religiously-motivated violence in the region and beyond," said a report released by the **US Commission for International Religious Freedom** here.

"The well-planned November 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, have been linked to the Pakistan-based extremist group, Lashkar-e-Taiba, a connection publicly acknowledged by Pakistan's then-Interior Minister in February 2009," it said.